What Is A Digital Wiki Book?

A Digital Wiki Book is a crowd-sourced publicly authored book that has the following features:

- It exists as a digital publication on the web, hard drives, thumb-drives, torrents and other digital media.
- It is an open-source project
- Any member of the public can contribute to it
- It can easily contain videos, images and multi-media
- It constantly updates itself with the latest information
- It's content is search-able electronically
- It is fair-use public domain news material
- It uses folders to hold content elements
- It can be read in any order by sorting the elements by name, date, topic, section, etc.

A **wiki** (◀ i/'wɪki/ *wik-ee*) is a website that provides collaborative modification of its content and structure directly from the web browser. In a typical wiki, text is written using a simplified markup language (known as "wiki markup") and often edited with the help of a rich-text editor.[1] A wiki is run using wiki software, otherwise known as a wiki engine. There are dozens of different wiki engines in use, both standalone and part of other software, such as bug tracking systems. Some wiki engines are open source, whereas others are proprietary. Some permit control over different functions (levels of access); for example, editing rights may permit changing, adding or removing material. Others may permit access without enforcing access control. Other rules may also be imposed to organize content. A wiki engine is a type of content management system, but it differs from most other such systems, including blog software, in that the content is created without any defined owner or leader, and wikis have little implicit structure, allowing structure to emerge according to the needs of the users.[2]

The online encyclopedia project Wikipedia is by far the most popular wiki-based website, and is in fact one of the most widely viewed sites of any kind in the world, having been ranked in the top ten since 2007.[3] Wikipedia is not a single wiki but rather a collection of hundreds of wikis, one for each language. There are at least tens of thousands of other wikis in use, both public and private, including wikis functioning as knowledge management resources, notetaking tools, community websites and intranets. The English-language Wikipedia has the largest collection of articles; as of September 2016, it had over five million articles. Ward Cunningham, the developer of the first wiki software, WikiWikiWeb, originally described it as "the simplest online database that could possibly work".[4] "Wiki" (pronounced ['wiki][note 1]) is a Hawaiian word meaning "quick".[5][6][7]